Under the SSA, unutilized funds roll over to the next financial year and become part of the next year's Annual Work Plan & Budget for the State.

Education for children above 14 years

†2749. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan for the children above 14 years of age on the line of the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) Government's policy regarding those children aged above 14 years who abandon their studies midway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Government is committed to make Secondary Education of good quality available, accessible and affordable to all young persons. This is being attended to as part of a continuous process.

(b) Government has established National Institute of Open Schooling (NIOS) to provide opportunities for continuing education to those who missed the formal school education.

Land requirement for Engineering Colleges

2750. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the minimum land requirement for establishment of the engineering colleges has been fixed at 3 acres;

(b) if so, whether this is comparable with the lands available with the existing Government engineering colleges and IITs; and

(c) if not, the reason for relaxation in land requirement for the new engineering colleges?

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.